

*What Is Claimed Is:*

1 A computer program product for permitting a computer system to access  
2 a network location using a browser application by activating a desktop icon, said  
3 computer program product comprising:

4 a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means  
5 embodied in said medium for causing an application program to execute on the  
6 computer system, said computer readable program code means comprising:

7 a computer readable first program code means for causing the  
8 computer system to display a desktop icon, said desktop icon associated  
9 with a file containing a network address corresponding to the network  
10 location;

11 a computer readable second program code means for, when said  
12 desktop icon is activated, causing the computer system to launch one of:

- 13 (1) an instance of a browser application; and  
14 (2) a new window for a currently executing browser  
15 application; and

16 a computer readable third program code means for causing the  
17 computer system to pass said network address to said browser application  
18 when said desktop icon is activated, thereby accessing the network  
19 location.

1 2. The computer program product of claim 1, wherein said computer  
2 readable program code means further comprises:

3 a computer readable fourth program code means for causing the  
4 computer system to capture information in said file, said information  
5 provided by a user and including said network address.